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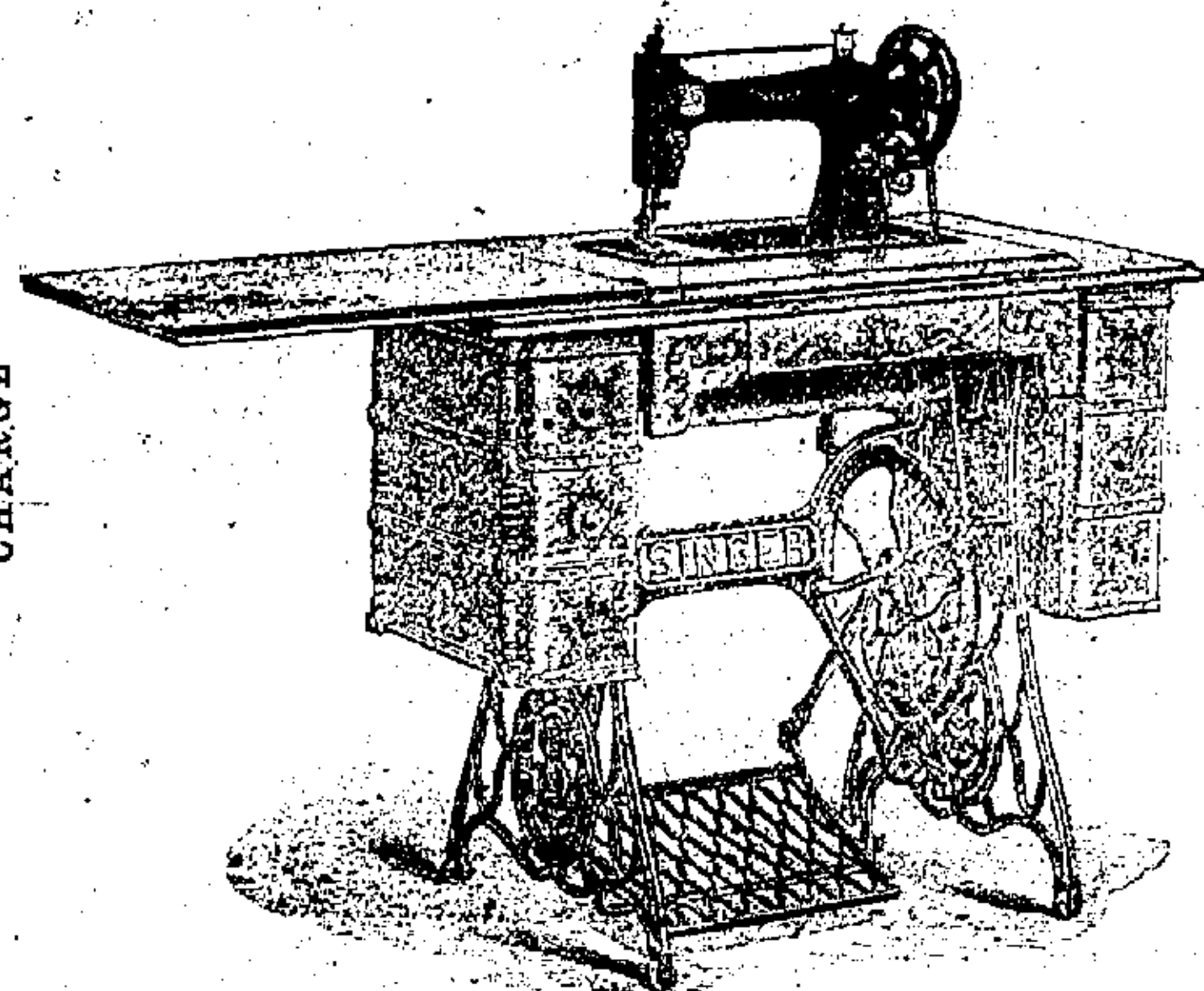
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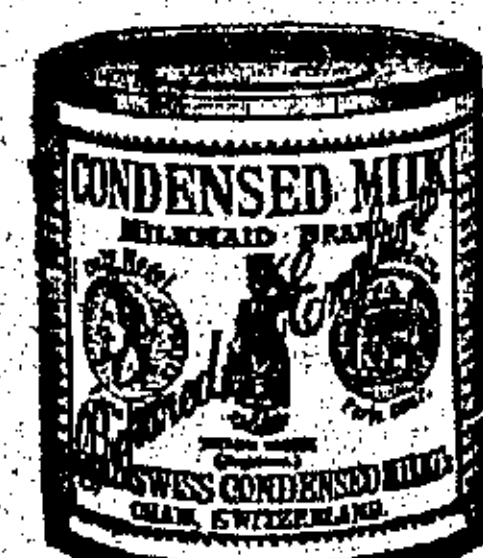
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Snake	gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Worsley	Shanghai
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Lewis Dayly	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Comdr. Robinson	Hongkong
Tal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Dalgety	Shanghai
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	303	2	200	Lieut. Forbes	Woojing
Vestal	gunboat	980	10	1400		Kiao Islands
Waterwitch	surveying ship	626	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	Lt.-Com. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Woodcock	river gunboat	104	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	100	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Chilcott	Shanghai

* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	8250	20	12,890	Captain Dredger	Nanking
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspie	French gunboat	475	3	450	Comdr. Journot	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	—	—	—		Canton River
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Fille	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	4009	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Nanking
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Comdr. Lelong	Haiphong
Decidie	French gunboat	680	—	—	Comdr. Leamy	Shanghai
de la Castelle	French flag ship	8114	14	13,500	Captain Fourmet	Tonkin
de la Castelle	French cruiser	3739	10	9000	Captain Serris	Woojing
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Gollieur	Tonkin
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bece	Saigon
Olry	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Yangtze
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8600	Captain Sones	Shanghai
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6871	Captain Benoit	Shanghai
Styx	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	622	2	900	Captain Morcet	Shanghai
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—	—		Yangtze
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—		Canton
Viper	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Comdr. von Bassewitz	Kiautschow
Furor Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	26	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Hongkong
Geier	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Capt. Berger	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Passchen	Shanghai
Hartha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Derzowski	Shanghai
Ilitis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. Sthamer	Canton
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300		Kebe
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	1300	Comdr. Wuthmann	Yangtze
Schwabe	German gunboat	1150	8	1500	Comdr. Hillbrand	Singapore
Sociedad	German gunboat	1600	8	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nanking
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Schrader	Bangkok
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Weiss	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—		Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6843	Captain John Boot	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	16	10,543	Captain Botti	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2250	10	7000	Captain Canale	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4600	14	6820	Captain Zeti	Shanghai
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	750	—	—	Captain d'Azoredo	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Leal	Macao
Admiral Nachimoff	Russian cruiser	9000	18	8000	Captain Stenmann	Singapore
Alcant	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Anatol	Russian cruiser	2800	8	4700	Comdr. Gramatichko	Port Arthur
Bobru	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Zolovsk	Norowang
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Yourloff	Port Arthur
Gremiatshy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Gromoboi	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jessen	Nagasaki
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1800	Comdr. Shumov	Shanghai
Korsets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novikoff	Nanking
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Muraviev	Shanghai
Ovany	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Perovskiy	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Nagasaki
Potopavlovsk	Russian battleship	10,860	16	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,300	16	10,600	Captain Obozov	Port Arthur
Roslovnik	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1786	Comdr. Kevanaky	Shanghai
Rosia	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	32	17,000	Captain Sepelrenipoff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,823	26	13,250	Capt. Matusevich	Nagasaki
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,860	16	10,600	Captain Serbrennikoff	Nagasaki
Silach	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivuch	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1120	Comdr. Gint	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6500	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Vesdink	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Kissel	Port Arthur
Zabinka	Russian	1230	6	1194	Comdr. Abranoff	Port Arthur
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Comdr. Karl Rohrer	
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1159	8	1600	Comdr. O. G. Bowman	Manila
Frolo	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Helm	
General Alava	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. W. F. Hals	Manila
Holena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1938	Capt. R. R. Ingersoll	Mazire
Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,506	41	10,000	Captain C. H. Stockton	Manila
Polina	U. S. gunboat	1390	2	730	Captain G. H. Stevens	Port Arthur
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Captain Farenholt	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboa	1270	6	850	Comdr. F. M. Wise	Taku
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. Drake	Hongkong
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	4164	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry	Manila
New York	U. S. flag ship	11,506	24	17,401	Capt. M. R. S. Macdonald	Manila
Pennsylv	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	800	Comdr. J. E. Selfridge	Nagasaki
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	10	1118	Comdr. E. B. Barry	Manila
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	3	1894	Comdr. E. S. Prim	Amoy
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	1801	Comdr. Ward	Manila

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Auction.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Stores,
at H.M. Naval Yard.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.
SATURDAY, December 20:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Goods,
at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales
Rooms, 100, Queen's Road.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Fine Art Bronzes,
&c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's Sales
Rooms.
TUESDAY, December 23:—
Goods per *Yankee* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
Transfer of the Hongkong High-
Level Tramway Co., Ltd., closed from
this date to the 31st December, inclu-
sive.
THURSDAY, December 25:—
Goods per *Silesia* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
MONDAY, December 29:—
Room.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Com-
pany's Registered Office.
TUESDAY, December 30:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co.,
Ltd., at Company's Registered Office.



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DEATHS.
On the 17th December, at 5 Mountain
View, the infant son of Phyllis and
Edward Osborne, aged 11 days.
On 25th November, at Mauritius, LAYNE,
daughter of Sir Lionel Cox, Chief Justice
of the Straits Settlements.

The publication of this issue commences
at 5.10 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Campaign in North Formosa.
Operations against the aborigines in
North Formosa were commenced on the
15th ult., and fighting is being continued.
An Ensign and four men belonging to a
detachment of the 56th Regiment at
Salaya, Fukui Prefecture, are reported
to have been killed.

Christmas Treat for the Poor.
A bazaar of toys will be held in the
rooms of the Catholic Union, Glenelg,
from 3 to 8 p.m., for the purpose of raising
funds to provide a Christmas treat for 600
poor children and 200 old people whose
hardships are many and pleasures are few.
Last year, a sum of \$1748.14 was raised and
expended. Those who are unable to attend
the bazaar should send donations to Mr
Jose M. Alves, the Hon. Secretary.

The Arrest of R. P. Moffit.
R. P. Moffit, the absconding book-
keeper of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., was
arrested at San Francisco on the 14th ult.
It appears that he left Hongkong on the
Guile, in his own name, and from
Shanghai he assumed the name of R. J.
Murphy. He was accompanied from
Shanghai by his wife, who is an American
woman. They stayed over at Honolulu,
and went on to San Francisco by the
Hongkong Mail. At the time of last ad-
vice, he was endeavouring to obtain his
release under a writ of *habeas corpus*, but
we understand that he will be extradited
and brought back to Hongkong for trial.

Ricksha Licences at Shanghai.
There has been some unnecessary and
baseless writing about the Council's
temporary refusal to issue licenses to owners
of rickshas not amenable to jurisdiction
on this side of the Yangtze River. In the
first place (says the *N.C. Daily News*), it
may be confidently stated that there is no
friction whatever between the French
Council and this Council. They are on the
best terms. This Council rightly decided
that they could only issue licenses to
owners who themselves resided, or had
responsible representatives, within the
jurisdiction of the Mixed Court for the
International Settlement; and an arrange-
ment has been come to under which all the
required licenses have been issued. The
matter, as far as the difference between the
French Consul-General and the Council
goes, has been referred to the Consular
Body, from whom no reply, as we under-
stand, has yet been received; but we can
state most positively that there is no
difference whatever on the subject between
the French Municipal Council and our
Council.

'Romeo and Juliet.'
Mixed merit was disclosed in last
night's performance of *Romeo and Juliet*.
The amorous scene of the house of Mon-
tagne is not the part in which Mr. Norval
McGregor has shown best in our eyes,
still his Romeo is built on the traditional
pattern, and with sufficient individual life
about it to make it personally interesting.
The speeches of Mercutio were unrolled by
Mr. Wilson Forbes with the easy assur-
ance of the veteran, and Mrs. Dow Currier
put in the nurse's flashes of comedy with
excellent effect. The success of the per-
formance was, however, left to the play-
er of the small parts of Peter and the
Apothecary, Mr. William Fitchett,
whose achievements were worthy of more
harmless setting. This young actor has
already earned and received our hearty
praise. Jealous to a fault of the least
little detail of make-up, his characters
always make entertaining pictures. Of
such were his Peter and his
Pill-toller of Verona. It was to his
admirable art that most of the pleasure
of the audience during the five acts was due.
Miss Walcott's Juliet was not a signal
success. We missed the softness, the
sweetness of the maid. To begin with,
the brown hair was heterodox; the passion
was more suggestive of Lady Macbeth in
her murderous acts, and the pathos was
characterised by hyperbole. Miss Walcott
has won several notable triumphs, but her
Juliet, judging from last night, cannot be
placed amongst them. Miss York's Lady
Capulet had the fatal fault of being too
painfully 'missy.' Even in the case of a
lady with much personal charm, regard for
the requirements of the general picture
must be paid. Miss York looked a very
dainty young maid of eighteen instead of
the matron and mother. Mr. Lacey ful-
filled the exactions of Capulet satisfactorily,
and Mr. Bayfield was fairly good as the
fiery Tybalt. A little more grace in the
minut would be an improvement. The
dancing last night was far too stiff and
formal. The tragedy will be repeated
to-night, and to-morrow night *Romeo*
will be put on.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
Sir Henry McCallum, Governor of
Natal, is suffering from dysentery.

Ceylon contributes £5,000 towards the
Imperial Memorial to Queen Victoria.

Parcel mails for Europe, &c., by s.s.
Bengal will close at 3 p.m., on Friday, the
19th Dec.

The French Mail of the 17th Novem-
ber was delivered in London on the 15th
inst.

The Crown Prince of Siam arrived at
Yokohama by the C. P. R. steamer *Empress*
of China on the 10th inst.

The King has been pleased to accept a
copy of Mr. W. J. Ford's 'History of the
Cambridge University Cricket Club.'

The native papers in Tientsin say that
Russia is secretly negotiating to build a
railway from Shanhaikuan to Peking.

Yung Lu is still unwell and is living
near the Summer Palace. Lu Ch'uan-shin
and Chiu Hung-chi are his constant visit-
ors.

The Japanese Government intends to
ask the Diet in the next session for yen
100,000,000 for railway construction and
improvement purposes.

In addition to other contributions, the
Marylebone Cricket Club will subscribe
one thousand guineas, Yorkshire County
five hundred guineas, Nottingham fifty guineas,
and Staffordshire sixty guineas to the
Cricketers' National War Fund.

The following notification appears in
the *London Gazette*:—Whitehall, Nov.
10.—The King has been pleased to give
and grant unto Ebert August Hewett,
Esq., General Agent of the Peninsular and
Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and
President of the Municipality of the In-
ternational Concession at Shanghai, his
Majesty's Royal licence and authority that
he may accept and wear the insignia of the
Third Class of the Order of the Iron Crown
conferred upon him by his Majesty the
Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary,
in recognition of services rendered during
the recent military operations in China.

Legislative Council.
The Legislative Council will meet again
on Monday to continue consideration, in
Committee, of the Public Health and
Buildings Bill.

Wireless Telegraphy.
Readers will doubtless be glad to be
reminded of the free Public Lecture in
the Union Church School Hall, Kennedy
Road, to-morrow (Friday) at 9 p.m., on
'Wireless Telegraphy.' Mr. Brand will
give demonstrations.

Mr. Ho Yow's Visit.
Mr. Ho Yow, brother of Dr. Ho Kai,
C.M.G., formerly Chinese Consul-General
at San Francisco, returned to Hongkong
yesterday, by the s.s. *Guile*. Mr. Ho
Yow's visit is in connection with the new
Hongkong and San Francisco steamship
line.

Cheerful!
The *Singapore Free Press* of the 8th
inst. says:—On Saturday, two members of
the Chamber of Commerce met a number
of the Chinese merchants and traders with
a view to discuss the question of a fixed
currency. No definite result was arrived
at. One of the leading Chinese, and one
of the best educated in English, emphati-
cally expressed his opinion that if it were
possible by natural means it would be to
the advantage of the Colony if the dollar
went down to 3d!

Siam's Gold Standard.
The *Hongkong Times* of the 29th ult.
says:—This afternoon the Agents of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-
tion, the Chartered Bank and the Bank of
Indo-China, had a further interview
with the Financial Adviser, with regard to
the steps that have been taken to introduce
a gold standard. We understand that Mr.
Rivett-Carnac was able, on behalf of the
Government, to make a very reasonable
proposition to the Banks, to meet the
present emergency and to put a stop to the
deadlock in business.—Later information
having been received our contemporary
adds:—As we go to press we learn that it
is practically settled that the Government,
to meet the wishes of the Banks and the
mercantile community, will sell tickets, for
the present at least, at the rate of 20 to the
pound sterling.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
On Saturday, the 20th inst., there will
be a ladies' race. Start at 2 p.m., off the
Police Pier, Kowloon. Course—Meyer's
East Buoy, Cust Rocks Buoy, Mark West
in line with Meyer's East Buoy and Cust
Rocks Buoy (all to port). Handicap:—

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Dione
Alannah
Bonito
Colleen
Erica
Min
Iris 3
Maid Marian 4
Charlotte
Dorcas 6
Gloria
Payne 7
On Sunday, 21st inst., No. 5 Club Race
will be sailed over Course No. 28.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

French Bonbons.
Madame Flint (of 100, The Arcade,
Kowloon) has received by the last French
mail a large assortment of choice French
bonbons and crystallized fruits. Her
customers should make early purchases.

Golf in 1903.
The Amateur Championship has been
fixed to take place at Muirfield, on May 19
to 22 next year. The International match
will be played on May 16, and the Open
Championship will be decided at Prestwick,
at the beginning of June.

The Explanation.
Archbishop Whately once asked the
question: 'Why can a man never starve
in the Great Desert?' and answered it
himself as follows:—'Because he can eat
the sand which is there.' But what
brought the sandwiches there? Why, Noah
sent Ham, and his descendants, mustered
and bread.'

Sir Thomas Jackson.
The members of the Royal Navy Club
1765 S.S. dined at the Whitehall Rooms,
Hotel Metropole on the 14th ult., to
celebrate his Majesty's birthday, and to
commemorate the Battle of Camperdown.
Rear-Admiral George T. H. Boyes (former-
ly Commander at Hongkong, presided, and
the guest was Sir Thomas Jackson. Covers
were laid for eighty-five.

Foreign Intercourse with Japan.
Dr. Murakami, of Tokio, has left Eng-
land on his way home, says the *Advertiser*,
much delighted with the results of his
three years' search in the archives of the
Continent and England for material
illustrating the early relations between
those places and Japan. His late visit to
Saville, Simancas, and Madrid gave him
some very valuable documents, including
one detailed account of the Japanese Court
and country in 1600 by a Spaniard who was
then wrecked on the coast and had to remain
in the island for a year before he could get
home. Several early Japanese letters to
Europeans were also found by Dr. Murakami.
He hopes to print his report to his
Government in English as well as in
Japanese.

The Trade of Bangkok.
For several weeks (says the *Bangkok
Times* of the 29th ult.), trade at Bangkok
harbour has been exceedingly brisk, owing
to the continuous influx of paddy and the
rapid shipment of rice for Singapore and
Hongkong. For the past week, however,
there has been a slight though steady
decline in the shipments. The rush, which
characterised the earlier part of the month
has vanished. Of course rice millers have
managed to deplete their stores of the
greater part of the manufactured product,
but there is still a very large quantity
awaiting shipment. The sudden upheaval
caused by the reversion from the silver to
the gold basis has had a very marked
effect. All the smaller mills are already
closed, and only a few of the bigger mills
are working, manufacturing rice from the
paddy which had previously been purchased.
At the same time the falling off in the
trade is not wholly due to this cause, but
mainly perhaps to the fact that the glut
which existed in the Bangkok market has
been eased by the large consignments that
have been sent abroad.

St. Andrew's Day.
F. A. G. writes in the *Kobe
Chronicle*:—I met a Scotchman last Friday
—that is, not yesterday, but the last Friday
that ever was before yesterday—and he
looked gloomy. With concern I asked
him the reason that his countenance was
sad on the great day of Scotland. 'Why,
man,' he said, 'I won't ask the printer to
print and I won't let the dialect, as it might
damage the type.—'Why, man, here are
people putting up their St. Andrew's flags
while St. Andrew's Day isn't here till
Sunday.' And he shook his head with a
weebone expression that might have
betokened the discovery of a murder. I
tried to comfort him by saying that it
would be all right a hundred years
hence, but he only seemed to think I was
intolerably flippant. The previous day I
had met another Scotchman, fresh from a
Scottish University, and I asked him
whether he wasn't going to stay over and
observe St. Andrew's Day on shore rather
than at sea. 'St. Andrew's Day,' he
said, looking puzzled, 'what's that? I'm
not a Catholic.' And then a light seemed
to dawn upon him. 'Ah, yes,' he said,
'I remember; it's an excuse for colonial
Scotchmen making a night of it.' And
that's not far short of the truth. Ask a
Scotchman in Scotland when is St. Andrew's
Day and he will look upon you as having
gone daff. St. Andrew's Day in Scotland
is about as much observed as it is in
the Straits.—[F. A. G.] is a little off the
subject here, but perhaps Colonial distance
warms up national feeling for Home
traditions.—Ed. C.M.]

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]
VENEZUELA.
London, December 16, 1902.
A German official statement says that
the Venezuelan vessels sunk by the German
warships were so unworthy that they
would have hampered the movements of
the allied fleet.

It is understood that the arbitration
proposal is strongly endorsed by the United
States.

Hon. John Hay, United States Secretary
of State, has informed Germany that the
blockade of Venezuelan ports should not
apply to American ships, and that the
United States disapproves of the stoppage
of ships generally, quoting the precedent
of the peaceful blockade of Crete in 1896.
Italy is participating in the blockade.

THE EDUCATION BILL.
The Education Bill has passed the House
of Lords.

THE MARSEILLES STRIKES.
LATER.
The strikes at Marseilles have collapsed
owing to the other unions deserting the
Insurrections Maritimes.

**THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S
TOUR.**
The Duke and Duchess of Connaught
have left Suva for India.

VENEZUELA.
The British and German Governments
have decided that, if further coercion is
necessary, they will blockade the Vene-
zuelan ports. It is not intended to land a
British force, and still less to occupy
Venezuelan territory.

SIR W. J. GASCOIGNE'S GIFT
To the Hongkong College of
Medicine.

An interesting ceremony took place, at
noon, to-day, in the Council Chamber,
Legislative Office, viz. the presentation by
His Excellency Major-General Sir W. J.
Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., of a powerful micro-
scope to the Hongkong College of Medicine
for Chinese. For the purpose of receiving
the gift the Court of the College, the
lecturers, members of the Senate, and
students, assembled under the presidency of
the Hon. F. H. May, who took the chair
as Rector of the College. In addition to
His Excellency, the donor of the micro-
scope, those present included the Hon. Dr.
Ho Kai, the Hon. Dr. Clark, Mr. E. H.
Sharp, K.C., Dr. Krieg, Mr. Titcher, Dr.
Pearse, Dr. Maclean Gibson and Dr. J. C.
Thomson, Secretary. The instrument is a
powerful one, thoroughly good in every
detail, and capable of the best bacterio-
logical work. It is the D. P. H. No. 1,
Messrs. Baker, of London, and bears the
following inscription:—Presented to the
Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese
by His Excellency Major-General Sir
William Julius Gascoigne, K.C.M.G.,
1902.

Mr. May said the meeting had been con-
vened in order to have the honour of
receiving at his Excellency's hands, the
generous gift which at a large meeting of
the Court Major-General Gascoigne prom-
ised to give to the College. They had asked
to be present a number of the lecturers
who voluntarily gave their services to the
instruction of the students of the college,
and also the whole body of the students
undergoing instruction.

Major-General Gascoigne said he had no
idea that the meeting was to be convened
for so trivial a matter. Last year when he
had the high honour of administering the
Government in the absence of His Excel-
lency Sir Henry A. Blake, who was in
England attending the Coronation of His
Majesty, he had on several occasions been
brought in contact with the work which
was being accomplished by the College,
and he had conceived a very great in-
terest in that work. He saw that the
College was serving a very useful
purpose, and he therefore felt that it
would be exceedingly nice if he could show
the interest which he felt in the College in
some practical manner. He discussed the
matter with several of the members of the
Court, and at last it was thought that his
aim could be realised through some sort of
prize. However, he regretted to say that
his time was coming to an end in
Hongkong. He had spent an exceedingly
happy time in the Colony, and he therefore
preferred to give something that would be
of lasting utility to the Colony.

It was suggested that a microscope
might meet that view, and Dr. Thompson
wrote to a Medical Association at home,
through which he obtained the instrument
which he had now the pleasure of pre-
sents to the College. Dr. Thompson assured
him that it was a highly satisfactory in-
strument. If they would accept this little
earnest of the interest he felt in the College
and its work he would be exceedingly grate-
ful and proud (applause).

Mr. May, on behalf of the College, said
he had to thank His Excellency exceedingly
for his very generous gift. This prize
which he had mentioned would have been
very acceptable, but he thought all those
who were interested in the college would be
glad of the gift which would be of per-
manent interest to them. The Colony
possessed many useful institutions, but he
thought that the one which would be
found to do most good was that in which
they met at the moment. The Government were
engaged at the present time upon a very im-
portant Ordinance. He believed that
nothing would do more to make the pro-
visions of that Ordinance, when they became
law, of real salutary effect than the body
whom His Excellency saw before him. It is
only by the enlightenment of the public ge-
nerally that Sanitary improvement can be
made thoroughly effective, and they looked
to the students of the College of Medicine
who were present and their successors to
accomplish that enlightenment. The micro-
scope would be a valuable practical
assistance to the students, and on their be-
half he tendered thanks to His Excellency.
Major-General Gascoigne acknowledged
Mr. May's appreciation in an appropriate
little speech of thanks.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.
After a stay of about three weeks, H.M.
S. *Guillemet* left here for Hongkong on Sat-
urday, December 13, at daylight. Her stay
has been productive of much pleasure to
the Amoy residents, and there is every rea-
son to believe that this feeling has been
mutual. The generous hospitality shown
by the captain and officers has carried out
the traditions of the British Navy. H.M.
S. *Rambler*, the Surveying Vessel, came in
again on Friday, 13th inst., for stores and
coal, but will not remain in long, as her
present work is not yet completed. The
Japanese gunboat *Chikuma*, also returned
here a few days ago, so we are not left en-
tirely without protection.

The weather has now cleared, and we are
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TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL SERVICE.]
THE STRAITS CURRENCY.

GOLD STANDARD FAVOURED.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, Dec. 18, 2.6 p.m.

The Committee of the Singapore
Chamber of Commerce has adopted a
report strongly recommending the
adoption of the gold standard for the
Straits Settlements. The report has
been forwarded to the Government.

The Penang Chamber of Commerce
is unanimous on the necessity of
adopting the gold standard.

AMOY NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
THE WEATHER.

Amoy, December 15.
Perhaps it may seem commonplace to
begin with the weather, but, really, the
last week's weather has been most unusual
for the time of year. After a long dry sea-
son since August last, and a prolonged
summer and a warm autumn, it would
hardly appear strange to expect a spell of
cold on entering the first week of Decem-
ber. What was our surprise to have a
week of warm days, more like April than
December, followed on Saturday and Sun-
day (Dec. 6 and 7) by early morning thun-
derstorms, with very heavy rain for most
of both days, with a N.E. wind. More-
over, telegrams advised us that severe
depressions were wandering around, and
we were 'to look out for squalls.' And,
sure enough, Tuesday and Wednesday
brought us heavy tropical rain, such as we
only expect during the progress of a ty-
phoon—rain that would have been worth
thousands of dollars two months ago, but
has come too late to save the rice crop,
though it will certainly help to fill the
wells, which have been very low of late. It
will also, may we not hope, do something to
cleanse the drains and streets, and sweep
away the accumulated dirt of the last few
months, during which heavy showers have
been all too infrequent. Even as I write,
the weather has not yet cleared up, and
signals on the flag-staff betoken further
disturbances. May I hazard a suggestion
that the many earthquakes and volcanic
outbursts in different parts of the world
show a disturbance of electrical conditions
which has affected the weather, and thus
given us unusual weather for the time of
year. Telegrams from other parts of the
world, as Singapore, America, England,
seem to confirm this idea.

SPORT IN AMOY.
It cannot be said that Amoy resi-
dents neglect sport, for apart from
the cricket matches that have been
played with the *Galath*, other branches
of sport continually receive effective
attention. The Amoy Cricket and Lawn
Tennis Club provides for tennis on four
afternoons a week, and for cricket or hur-
key on the other two days. In consequence
of this, there is rarely an afternoon, har-
ing rain, that the lawn is not occupied
with those who seek, by judicious recrea-
tion, to keep the much-abused liver from
growing sluggish and thus to maintain good
health. Golf, too, has its zealous votaries,
and these are by no means confined to
Scotsmen. Both in golf and tennis, various
handicaps have been played recently, which
have given satisfaction and pleasure to all
who took part in them, and especially to
the winners. Moreover, the annual race
meeting is to be held as usual in the first
week of January, and not a few young
fellows are down at the racetrack nearly
every morning, quite early, training both
themselves and the new griffs for the
forthcoming meeting. Early rising is
doubtless a great virtue, and whether their
practice will ensure victory or not, when the
tussle comes, it is certain that the regular
exercise must be very beneficial and health-
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 14.

The Practitioner for November, in a Special Alcohol Number, admits rather reluctantly that total abstainers have a somewhat longer expectation of life than moderate drinkers, but the Editor's comment is that length of days is not so important as the amount of work done before the night falls. Here, then, is the question. Do those who regard alcoholic fermentation as a diabolic process do more or better than those who regard it as a providential blessing, it being admitted on both sides that they live longer? Sometimes I wonder whether it is really worth a man's while to live a century. We shall all confess that no man has a right to commit suicide, but is it avoidable? The late Bishop of London undoubtedly killed himself by hard work, and every soldier who dies in battle could, had he chosen, have avoided his death by the dishonourable expedient of not fighting. The vast majority of deaths might be rigidly reduced to two classes, homicide and suicide (according, says the cynic, to whether a doctor be called in or not). If alcohol be a real bringer of delight, that does not hinder duty, and no more a poison than tea, sugar or salt, the longer life argument will profit temperance reformers no more than it does the vegetarian fanatics. Three score and ten years of strenuous cheerful life are worth more than a hundred years of vegetative. Every one knows of scores of lives that have been ruined by drinking habits, and yet any one, not blinded by preconceived prejudices, must own to the existence of hundreds of estimable fellow-citizens, well advanced in years, who do not dread the social glass. If I were told that I might add twenty years to my life by staying in bed and huttering on potatoes, I am afraid I should decline.

At Highgate Police Court on Wednesday, a solicitor took out a summons for assault against a boy of four years of age. The magistrate granted it under protest. The law is not prepared to recognise criminality in infants of tender years. Wherein, as the sapient Mr. Bumble said, "The Law is a Ass." I have occasionally, in the vicissitudes of an adventurous life, been brought into contact with babies, and should have been glad to have had them bound over to keep the peace. All children are certainly angels, but there are angels of various complexions, and angels of a particular shade are lively company. London has too many little girls who dispute the pavement with the staid passer, by means of what logicians call a vicious circle—a muddy iron hoop—and every male arab of tender years is now careering around on a single roller skate. The use of one alone instead of a pair has the advantage of doubling the number of gyrations, while it more than doubles the irresponsible eccentricity of their movements. They have a toy named a cat which endangers the eyes of the lieges, and a fiendish musical instrument can be manufactured by a baby that can hardly toddle, if any misanthropist will present the young demon with a small tin and a piece of string. The cruel maxim, "Forgive your enemy but buy his baby a drum," is bettered by the twentieth century youngster, and in a few years it will be necessary to legislate for his suppression.

A majority of the Congregation of the University of Oxford have rejected a proposal to abolish Greek at Bachelors, and the *Morning Post* ponderously accuses them of declining to recognise the twentieth century. They need not have fussed. Responsions (vulgarily Smalls) is a contemptible examination, any way, demanding a couple of books of Euclid, simple equations, a simple paragraph to render into Latin and half-a-dozen easy sentences to put into Greek. A man may drop his Greek altogether when he has slipped through, and generally does. Yet he must be the better for the training in memory and discernment given by boyhood's efforts to grapple with the inflections of languages that were not so alien as our own. The books to be prepared are short and not difficult. Greek is no intolerable burden, and if it be forgotten afterwards, what matter? There is great use in forgotten knowledge, as the weeds that spring up between the farmer's first and second ploughing and are ploughed into the ground have not lived in vain but do their part in fertilising the field.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Honour Sir William Gurnham, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, December 18, 1902.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Chu Yau was placed in the dock to answer a charge of having on the 18th Nov. at Shaokwan stolen a pair of jadeous bangles from a native woman named Ho Tin Tai. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and the following jury was sworn:—R. H. B. Mitchell, F. L. Marques, James Walker, H. E. Morris, J. M. de Silva Rosario, David Currie, and E. G. Barrett.

The Attorney General, Sir H. Berkeley, who (instructed by Mr F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), prosecuted, said on the 18th November the prisoner hired a boat from the complainant at Shaokwan. She rowed him towards the west and on the way he robbed her of the bangles. Witnesses would be called to show that the prisoner was subsequently in possession of the bangles. The complainant would also be called with whom the prisoner pawned the bangles, and the complainant told her story, the prisoner cross-examined her, much to the amusement of the court.

Chu Yau—Just look at me and say am I not a good man?

Ho Tin Tai—No, you took my bangles.

Chu Yau—When I got on board your boat did I not tell you I was hard up and ask you to let me have the bangles that I might raise money on them?

Ho Tin Tai—No, you took my bangles.

Chu Yau—Do you remember some years ago when I was at work as a boiler maker and during that time you had nobody to support you, and I supplied you with money in order to support you?

Ho Tin Tai—I do not know you at all.

His Lordship—Have you seen the man before that day?

Ho Tin Tai—Never.

His Lordship—She does not seem to recognise her son (laughter).

Chu Yau—Prosperity gains friends, adversity tries them.

The second witness was the proprietress of a sampan in which the prisoner rowed the day in question, during a robbery. He asked to be his sweetheart. As his Lordship put it, the mother declined the honour of his alliance, and the bangles remained in his possession until he pawned them. The woman was lectured by his Lordship for jiving, the mendacity being suppression of the fact of the courtship when questioned.

Prisoner told seven or eight different stories about what he had to say. He was found guilty, and.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said that it had been an armed robbery upon a woman, because it was committed upon a defenceless woman. It was a cowardly crime, and prisoner would have to undergo five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and twenty strokes of the birch.

STOLEN ON THE WAY.

Kwong Shing was charged with being concerned with others not in custody in a robbery which took place on Causeway Bay on the 28th July, by which Fung San and Chan Yui, two women, were deprived of three pairs of bangles, of earrings, two rings, and \$3 and Chan Yui took off \$3.80. He pleaded not guilty, and was tried by the jury already empanelled.

Sir H. Berkeley said the prisoner and his accomplices boarded a cargo boat on the 28th July, during a typhoon. They shut up the master in his cabin, and, going below, threatened his wife and sister and robbed them.

In November last, the prisoner was arrested from information received when he was taken into custody. He made certain statements which amounted to an admission of participation in the acts on the cargo boat and the robbery.

The prisoner made the allegation that he was liberated by the police for the purpose of obtaining from his information with regard to the robbery. One constable, he said, beat him with a rattan, whilst another held a naked sword across his throat and stripped his lower limbs.

His Lordship proceeded at once to investigate this accusation, and one of the constables—both officers concerned, are Chinese—was put through an exhaustive examination. In order that further evidence might be obtained, the case was put back until to-morrow.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Chan Tai was put in the dock to answer a charge of robbery with violence at San Shing. He pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was sworn:—H. V. Varrelmann, G. V. Buidet, S. F. de Jesus, J. Y. de la Bruchellerie, W. M. Doss, D. A. Cordeiro, and A. G. Grant Gordon.

Sir H. Berkeley said that on the 2nd November there was a party playing going on at a house in San Shing. Amongst other persons playing was one Chan Tai, who played for about an hour, and then left. On his way home he was set upon by two men, who assaulted him from behind and robbed him of his watch and a gold watch chain. The prisoner was one of the assailants.

Evidence was given in support of this theory.

Gallant Rescue by Army Surgeon.

Shortly after the transport *Wakool* left Singapore on her way to Calcutta, one of the native crewmen, having had a quarrel with another, jumped overboard. Capt. French, R. A. M. C., who was standing on the upper deck at the time, immediately leapt after the man. Meantime, lighted life-buoys had been thrown into the sea, the ship stopped, boats lowered, and the most intense excitement prevailed. Captain French reached the man with a life-buoy, and succeeded in keeping him afloat until the boat arrived, when he was lifted in, in an insensible state, and ultimately brought round. They were half-an-hour in the water. Such gallantry ought not to be allowed to pass without some substantial recognition.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 18th at 11.25a. The depression is passing to the Pacific to the N. of Japan. It is followed by a high pressure area, and the barometer has risen rapidly over N. China. Pressure is relatively low off the S. coast of China, and gradients are rather steep. Very strong monsoons, which will reach Gale force in the Formosa Channel, is setting down the China coast.

Forecast:—Strong N.E. wind; dull, rainy.

THE RUSSIANS IN MANCHURIA.

Interesting Observations by a Traveller.

The *N.-O. Daily News* of the 13th inst. says:—Mr Montagu Beauchamp, who has just arrived from Manchuria, has given one of our representatives some interesting incidents in connection with his recent flying visit to that country. His experience of the way in which the Russians deal with the Chinese is very instructive, especially when one bears in mind that Russia has "evacuated" Manchuria. The fact that Mr Beauchamp were Chinese dress, and that he was in consequence, frequently mistaken for a Chinese, enabled him to get as it were behind the scenes, and gave him an advantage over the ordinary traveller, whose nationality is at once recognised.

Mr Beauchamp spent about one week in Manchuria, between Newchwang, Moulton, and Port Arthur, but that time, short as it was, was amply sufficient to enable him to see that the policy of the Russians is to inspire fear in the minds of the Chinese. The Cossacks everywhere act in a dominating and even brutal way towards the inoffensive Chinese, who are afraid in any way to retaliate or seek redress. He saw, for example, Chinese who were quietly eating their dinner robbed of their food by Cossacks, who would come and coolly help themselves to what ever they wanted. In purchasing goods, also, the Cossacks seem to be at liberty to pay what they choose for an article, or even not to pay at all if it suits them better. Ricksha coolies are frequently swindled out of their fares by the Cossacks. Mr Beauchamp, himself, whilst partaking of refreshments in a railway carriage, had the food snatched out of his hands by a Cossack, who, however, was made to relinquish the stolen property by the threatening attitude of the indignant Western.

These dominating and unjust actions on the part of the Russians are to be deplored from another point of view. They affect injuriously the Chinese character, tending to make the victims themselves in their dealings one with another, follow the example of these who oppress them.

Mr Beauchamp's experiences at the Port Arthur railway station was not very pleasant. He arrived there before day-break, and was walking down the main street, to wait the opening of the shipping offices, when, presumably by the order of a petty Russian officer, he was arrested by Cossacks as a spy. He had no passport, as he had been informed by the British Consul at Newchwang that one was only required by a person who intended to reside in the country, and not simply to make a flying visit. It must be confessed, however, that the Russians have some cause to be suspicious of foreigners wearing Chinese dress, as they are well aware of the fact that many Japanese, dressed as Chinese, have been spying out the land.

The trains are used by Cossacks who travel from station to station, and who act in a most insulting and arbitrary fashion towards the Chinese. These soldiers always carry fixed bayonets, and are armed, usually, for example, came to Mr Beauchamp, and without rhyme or reason ordered him out of the train in which he was entitled to travel. If he had been a Chinese, he would simply have been shot.

Mr Beauchamp hesitated to do so, the Cossack lifted up his billy list and shook it in his face, but he was ordered to get out of the carriage by the Englishman, and immediately shut out.

Dr W. E. Cecil, Dr L. L. of Philadelphia, U.S.A., whilst travelling recently in Manchuria, had a strange experience of the way in which Russia treats the strangers in that country, and his experiences were too much for the theory of the "Yellow Peril." He was seated in a railway train writing in his note-book when an official came up and without saying a word snatched the book out of his hand. This extraordinary proceeding was too much for the theory-loving American, who jumped up, and pulling out of his pocket an American flag, seized his assailant and secured possession of his property.

The Russian army over Manchuria bodies no need to missionary work there. According to Russian law, no one is allowed to change his religion; this, of course, causes the attempts to look with disfavour on every attempt to propagate religion.

Mr Beauchamp, whilst preaching outside the yamun at Tieling, was made to realise this, and it is not too much to affirm that the Russian officials watch missionaries as a cat watches a mouse. On one occasion Mr Beauchamp was arrested by two Cossacks who pulled off his cloak and threatened him with fixed bayonets, apparently without any reason at all.

The Russian officers were invariably polite and affable. They, of course, had that Mr Beauchamp was not a Chinese; which made all the difference as far as their treatment of him was concerned. They were generally able to speak either the English, French, or German language. Then too Mr Beauchamp had a letter of introduction from Captain Eberhard, the Russian Civil Administrator of Manchuria, as well as other letters from influential and well-known men in St. Petersburg and Moscow. The officers were very hospitable, offering food, cigars, and even their light military cloaks to protect the traveller from the cold. Captain Eberhard, himself, showed great kindness. He placed his own steam-launch at the disposal of Mr Beauchamp.

It cannot be denied, however, that the Russian officials are not pleased to have any "outsiders" come investigating without undoubted class. They are imported to fill every office and position. The trains are full of miserable looking men, women, and children, and Russian beggars are not infrequently met with on the streets. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Chinese to secure any employment, but where they are met with as clerks, etc., they offer a marked contrast, by their civility and willingness to oblige, to the Russians who fill similar positions.

It is apparent that Russia is beginning to realise that she is placed at a great disadvantage by the lack of Russians who are able to speak the Chinese language, whilst England and France, on the other hand, have hundreds of missionaries, missionaries, and others, who are able to do so. It was the recognition of this fact, no doubt, that caused Russia several years ago, to send a number of scholars to St. Petersburg to learn the Russian language, in order that they might be used as interpreters.

Taking all things into consideration, one is not surprised at Mr Beauchamp's assertion that he breathed more freely after he had left inhospitable Manchuria for other regions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHIVALRY AND THE CHINESE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, December 17.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letter of your correspondent "Historicus" in your issue of yesterday entitled "Chivalry and the Chinese." Taking for granted that the Chinese character is devoid of nearly all the higher forms of sentiment, and that the ordinary Chinaman is sadly lacking in all the nobler characteristics of humanity, "Historicus" attributes this lamentable state of affairs to a course of misgovernment carried on from century to century. I understand him to say that the study of Chinese history has led him to this conclusion and that any one who undertakes a similar investigation cannot but arrive at the same result. Now, Sir, I might suggest to this student of the Chinese character what Mr Pickwick suggested to a student of our own: "No task he has undertaken comprises in itself a difficult study of no inconsiderable magnitude. It may be that he has studied his subject at first hand, and has actually read the authentic annals of the twenty-one dynasties, on which ground I should not presume to meet him; but I cannot but think it more probable that his knowledge is derived from the various brief manuals put forth from time to time by Europeans for the use of Europeans and upon which it is obviously unfair to condemn the Chinese. And in any case, wherever our knowledge, slight though it be, of Chinese history be derived, one result cannot be disputed and that is, that the societies ever constructed by the political genius of mankind none is so ancient or so enduring as the Empire of China. The same empire that we are brought face to face with to-day meets us when we investigate the past, and there is very truth in the law of the survival of the fittest, it is at least strange that a state, in comparison with which the oldest European Power is a creature of yesterday and which alone of human institutions presents to the observer to-day the same features which, attracted the attention of Ptolemy, that such a state should be misused and misused by a continuance of misrule and injustice.

But without going into the records of the past, I should like to examine whether your correspondent can make out his case from recent history, that case being, as I take it, that the Chinese, especially in truthfulness, are greatly inferior to the nations of the West.

It will be admitted, I presume, that if this contrast is to be made out, though it must be shown that truthfulness and honour are characteristic of Europeans generally, yet it would be to the missionary's loss. For if it is the truth that the Chinese are not in detail how the clause in the Treaty permitting missionaries to reside in the interior, the fruitful cause of so much misery and bloodshed, was fraudulently interpreted by a missionary, who was acting as interpreter.

Now, if instead of making general references to the verities of history, your correspondent would turn to such an authority as the *Chinese Classics*, or the *Chinese History*, he would find changes of duplicity and fraud in connection with the missionary problem, but Jewelled, not against the defenceless Chinese, but against the missionaries themselves. The story is set out in detail how the clause in the Treaty permitting missionaries to reside in the interior, the fruitful cause of so much misery and bloodshed, was fraudulently interpreted by a missionary, who was acting as interpreter.

Now, I think, would it be difficult to find other instances in the history of our recent relations with the Chinese which might make us careful of accusing them of lack of truthfulness, if any good result could be effected from the search. But, Sir, I think it is not everyone who is entitled to make these charges or to constitute himself a judge of what is chivalrous or the reverse; if there ever was a man who was entitled to judge of what is chivalrous, it was the Chinese.

Finally, I think, Sir, that while we live, as we do, of our own choice in the midst of the Chinese people and derive our livelihood from Chinese labour, we scarcely give a good example of what is chivalrous and becoming by writing such letters as that of your correspondent, and I think also that as far as the Chinese character is concerned Gordon's favourable opinion may well outweigh the indiscriminate condemnation of "Historicus."

I enclose my card, and remain—Yours, TEMPLAR.

A ray of hope is capable of penetrating the darkest despair.

(Good things may be cheap, but cheap things are seldom good.

Optim Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 18, 1902.

New Patna, cash, 990
Old Patna, cash, 995
New Benares, cash, 985
Old Benares, cash, 1030/40
Allowance, Tails, 0/4
Last Year, 1070/80
0/8
Old Malwa credit, 1090
Allowance, Tails, 0/6
Persian, Oily, cash, —
Allowance, Tails, —
Persian, Paper tied, 750
Allowance, Tails, —

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Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2606

NOTICE.
THE INSTALLATION of the Worshipful Master of VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1028, will be held on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 9 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA will be held on MONDAY, the 29th inst., at the same hour.

All Master Masons are invited to attend on both occasions.
A. O. D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2605

NOTICE.
OWING to the large increase in the cost of fuel etc., we are obliged to raise the price of our Brick to 12 cents per small bottle from 1st JANUARY next.

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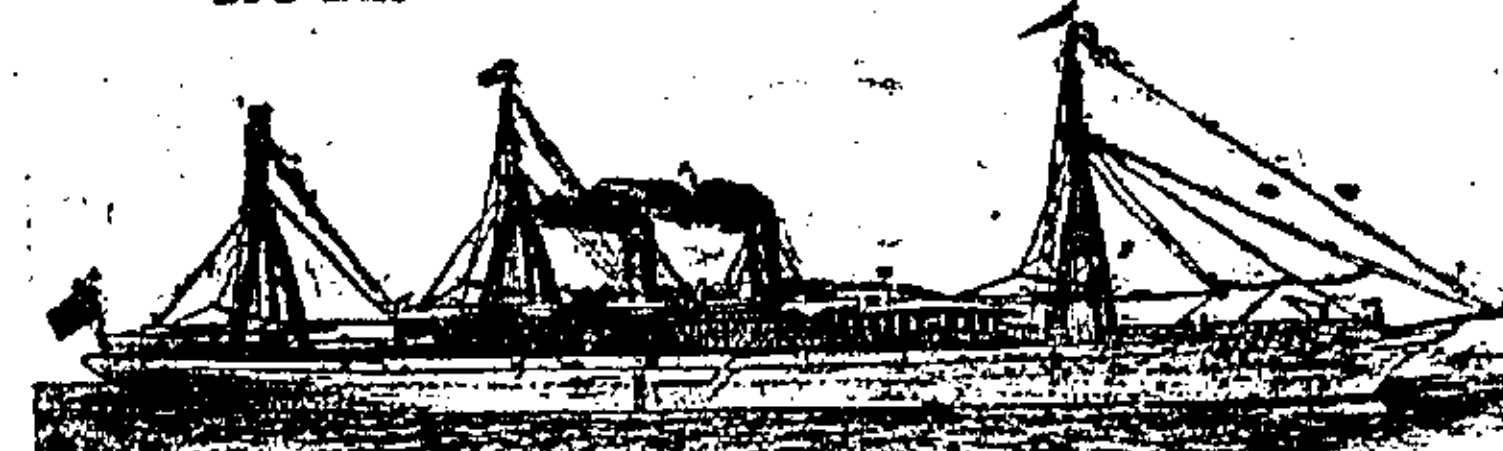
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